

FISCAL NOTE

SB 960 - HB 1287

January 16, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Prohibits a utility company or private business from spraying herbicides under utility lines without written notice to the landowner.
- Requires that a written notice shall be given not less than seven days before spraying. Violations of such or any rules in accordance with the spraying of herbicides would result in a civil penalty of up to \$100 per occurrence.
- Authorizes the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation to promulgate rules and regulations to implement this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$43,575 Recurring
\$5,600 One-Time**


Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Estimates assumes:

- an increase in expenditures associated with hiring one employee and related expenses to oversee the enforcement of the program.
- an increase in revenues from the collection of fines will depend on the number of violations.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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